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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT CENTRE GUIDELINES: FEBRUARY 19  
DISCUSSION

REFS: A. OECD PARIS 00344 AND B. STATE 010761

L. NEW DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, MADE AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 19 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THAT TOPIC, APPEAR TO BE A LONG STEP FORWARD TOWARD RESOLUTION OF IMPASSE OVER ACCEPTABLE RESEARCH STRATEGY AND WORK PROGRAM FOR THE CENTRE. DRAFT APPEARS IN FIRST REVIEW BY MISSION TO RESPOND TO MAJOR US CONCERNS EXPRESSED OVER PAST THREE MONTHS, ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATION AND REVISION OF PRECISE LANGUAGE AND INDIVIDUAL POINTS REMAINS TO BE DONE. AMB TURNER EXPRESSED THIS TENTATIVE VIEW IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. ALL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING US CONCURRED IN RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN THAT COMMITTEE MEET AGAIN FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AND APPROPRIATE REVISION OF THE PAPER, FOLLOWING ADEQUATE TIME FOR STUDY AND COMMENTS FROM CAPITALS, AND THAT IT MOVE  
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IMMEDIATELY TO SET DATE FOR EXPERTS MEETING TO CONSIDER

CONCRETE WORK PROGRAM. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 1. CENTRE PRESIDENT PAUL-MARC HENRY STATED THAT ALL PREVIOUS DRAFT GUIDELINES ARE NOW WITHDRAWN AND INOPERATIVE AND APPEARED FINALLY TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE THAT CENTRE SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN UNDERTAKING POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL PROGRAMS DURING THIS PERIOD OF DELICATE NORTH/SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS. SWEDISH REP ASKED WHETHER PREVIOUS DRAFT GUIDELINES WILL BE ON THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION NOTING THAT HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS TO PREFER PREVIOUS DRAFT. CHAIRMAN GALLAGHER STATED THAT MATERIAL INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS DRAFTS MAY BE DRAWN UPON FOR PROPOSED INCLUSION IN NEW TEXT IF AND AS DELEGATIONS DESIRE, BUT THAT ONLY DOCUMENT "ON THE TABLE" WOULD BE LATEST VERSION.

3. HENRY COMMITTED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE TO PRODUCE NEW WORK PROGRAM BASED ON LATEST GUIDELINES PAPER BY COB THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27. MISSION WILL OBTAIN DRAFT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO GUIDELINES DISCUSSION MARCH 1. RESPONDING TO QUESTION FROM US, HENRY GAVE ASSURANCES REVISED PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE REPACKAGING OF PREVIOUS PRESENTATION, BUT WOULD IN FACT BE NEW AND IN CONFORMANCE WITH FEB. 19 GUIDE LINES PAPER.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED SECRETARIAT TO SCHEDULE TWO-DAY MEETING OF EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS TO REVIEW NEW WORK PROGRAM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN MARCH. EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS WILL MEET AS A SUBGROUP OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IT WAS AGREED

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THAT THIS MEETING WOULD BE HELD WHETHER OR NOT  
GUIDELINES ARE APPROVED MARCH 1 OR SUBSEQUENTLY.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL THEREAFTER CONSIDER  
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND  
ATTEMPT TO MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL IN  
TIME FOR FINAL COUNCIL ACTION PRIOR TO MARCH 31 DEAD-  
LINE FOR APPROVAL OF 1976 DEVELOPMENT CENTRE BUDGET.

6. IN PERSONAL CONVERSATION WITH US DAC REP SMALLEY,  
CENTER PRESIDENT HENRY: (1) REAFFIRMED THAT HIS TERM  
TO BEGIN ON MARCH 1 WOULD BE HIS TERMINAL YEAR AT  
OECD; (2) STATED THAT HIS PRINCIPAL PROBLEM NOW IN  
THIS EXERCISE IS INTERNAL, MEETING THE DEADLINE FOR  
A NEW WORK PROGRAM TO WHICH HE COMMITTED HIMSELF; (3)  
OBSERVED THAT IT WAS TIME FOR CHANGES IN THE CENTRE  
BECAUSE OF THE EVOLVING NATURE OF NORTH/SOUTH  
RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE CREATEO CONDITIONS QUITE  
DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY WERE IN 1961 WHEN THE CENTRE  
WAS CREATED. HENRY SAID NEW SPECIAL COUNCELLOR TO  
THE SECGEN FOR DEVELOPMENT ENRICO MACCHIA WILL HAVE  
THE JOB OF TRYING TO REORDER ALL OF THE DEVELOPMENT  
INTERESTS OF THE ORGANIZATION, SPECIFYING DAC AND  
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THE CENTRE, ON A HORIZONTAL LEVEL.

7. MICHALOPOLOUS IS HAND-CARRYING COPIES OF NEW  
DRAFT GUIDELINES TO STATE AND AID/W FOR REVIEW.  
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON GUIDELINES ASAP FOR  
USE AT MARCH 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.  
TURNER

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